

## Mrs. Wazir denied U.S. visa

TORONTO (R) — The United States Tuesday refused to grant an entry visa to a prominent member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) who has just spent two weeks in Canada, a spokesman for the U.S. consulate said. He said Entisar Wazir was denied a visa because she was a member of a proscribed organisation under U.S. immigration law. He did not say which organisation. Mrs. Wazir's husband, Khalil, is second in command of the PLO after Yasser Arafat. A resident of Jordan, she is a member of the Palestinian National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile. Mrs. Wazir declined to reporters after she heard about the decision. But a worker at the Arab Community Centre in Toronto, said Mrs. Wazir was "very, very angry... very, very upset."

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## China renews backing for Fez peace plan

PEKING (Agencies) — China Wednesday reaffirmed its support for the Arab League peace plan which it suggested was consistent with Israeli as well as Arab interests. The plan adopted last September during an Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, "embodies the common aspirations of the Palestinian and other Arab people and conforms to the fundamental interest of all states in the region," a commentary in the official New China News Agency said Wednesday.

## 'Moral grounds' cited for bishops' expulsion

CAIRO (R) — A Greek embassy spokesman said Wednesday five Greek Orthodox bishops were being expelled from Egypt on moral grounds. The move against the bishops was disclosed Tuesday by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. The ministry did not disclose any grounds for the action. But the Greek embassy spokesman told Reuters: "The orthodox patriarch of Alexandria asked the government to expel them for moral reasons." The spokesman declined to comment further.

## Sweden reports unidentified subs

STOCKHOLM (R) — The Swedish navy led two searches for suspected foreign submarines in its waters Wednesday but broke off one of them after the intruder was believed to have left, a defence staff spokesman said. The navy detected a prowler just inside southern Swedish waters early Wednesday and followed the suspected submarine until it entered international waters, a navy spokesman told Reuters. The search was then called off, he added. In another hunt south-east of Stockholm, the navy maintained its vigil in a restricted military zone for a probable submarine, the defence staff spokesman said.

## Turkmen to visit Syria

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Turgut Ersoy will visit Syria from March 27 to 30, it was announced Wednesday. He will discuss attacks by Armenian guerrillas on Turkish representatives abroad and ask the Syrian government to act against such groups based in Syria, officials said.

## Eanes leaves Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes left for home Wednesday after four days of talks with Egyptian officials on bilateral relations, Middle East developments and other issues.

## Pym to meet Bahraini minister

LONDON (R) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym will meet Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al Khalifa Wednesday night during a stopover on his way to Bangkok, the Foreign Office said. The two ministers were likely to discuss Middle East topics including Arab-Israeli peace prospects and the Iran-Iraq war and the meeting was not expected to last more than two hours. It will be Mr. Pym's first visit to Bahrain since he became foreign minister in April 1982.

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# U.S. announces resumption of weapon sales to Israel

WASHINGTON (R) — The Defence Department announced Wednesday it planned to renew arms sales to Israel with the shipment of 200 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles for use on Israeli fighters.

A department spokesman gave no reason for the resumption of arms sales at this time but said it would be the first since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June.

A Pentagon statement said the Defence Department had notified congress it intended to make the sale, valued at \$16 million, in order to help "ensure Israel had the means to defend itself within its own borders."

It said Israeli had previously bought 600 of the Sidewinder missiles and could handle the new shipment without the aid of any additional U.S. military personnel or civilian contractors.

The Pentagon statement also said the sale of the missiles "would not have any effect on the basic military balance in the Middle East."

On Monday Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens said Israel would share with the United States military information gleaned during the war in Lebanon.

His statement was an abrupt turnaround from Israel's earlier insistence that it would hand over military secrets only after a new intelligence-sharing agreement was signed with Washington.

Israeli correspondents in Washington earlier Wednesday quoted Pentagon officials as saying there was no connection between the Israeli decision to share intelligence and the resumption of arms sales.

## U.S. remains 'unhappy'

Though Israel and the United States have eased strains over military cooperation, but U.S. officials say the administration remains unhappy with Israeli policies in Lebanon and elsewhere.

Administration officials said a well-publicised letter last week from Marine commandant Gen. Robert Barrow to Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger was a sign of continuing tension, especially over slow progress in getting Israeli forces out of Lebanon.

In the letter, Gen. Barrow accused Israeli troops of deliberately jeopardising the lives of U.S. Marines serving with various peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, including United Nations units sent there before last year's invasion by Israel.

U.S. officials said Mr. Arens subsequently gave Mr. Weinberger private assurances he would try to prevent future interference by Israeli troops with the American peacekeepers.

But continued U.S. impatience was reflected by the fact that the letter, written at Mr. Weinberger's suggestion, was made public just as confrontations between U.S. and Israeli troops in Lebanon appeared to have eased off.

The officials said unhappiness with Israel was not confined to the Pentagon. They said the Barrow letter was initially leaked to the press by the State Department.

However the letter first surfaced, the administration in its handling of the incident seemed to be trying to build it up rather than play it down.

Administration spokesmen quickly confirmed its authenticity and made copies widely available to reporters. Mr. Weinberger volunteered that he shared the general's "very real concern" and the State Department said it had taken the matter up with the Israeli government at a high level.

Officials accepted that the impression had been created that Washington was deliberately publicising the matter in order to increase the pressure on Israel for a rapid pull-out from Lebanon under terms proposed by the United States last week.

At the same time, moves have been under way to improve U.S.-Israeli ties frayed by disputes over Lebanon and the stalled U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process.

## Disagreements remain in pullout talks

BEIRUT (R) — Disagreement over the nature of proposed "security arrangements" in South Lebanon is still blocking agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the country, Lebanese government sources said Wednesday.

They have their assessment as the U.S. embassy announced that special envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper had left for Israel on the latest stage of their mediation mission after holding two days of talks in Beirut.

The sources said they understood that Israel was prepared to drop its insistence on maintaining fixed Israeli observation posts in South Lebanon and even to forego joint Israeli-Lebanese patrols there, but only if the militia of renegade Lebanese Maj. Saad Haddad was left in control of the area.

The sources said Lebanon could not accept this. It would agree that Maj. Haddad's men, who are totally dependent on Israel, could rejoin the regular Lebanese army but it refused to keep them together as a separate unit in South Lebanon.

The United States has been trying for six months to secure the withdrawal of all Israeli, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces from Lebanon but has made slow progress.

Efforts have concentrated on reaching an agreement with the Israelis as the Syrians and Palestinians have indicated they will pull out if Israeli forces withdraw completely.

The Israelis invaded Lebanon in June last year to attack PLO camps and fighters who had been based there since the early 1970s. The Syrian troops in Lebanon originally arrived in 1976 to stop a civil war and remained under an Arab League peacekeeping mandate.

The main problems in the withdrawal negotiations have been the "security arrangements," which Israel is demanding, and the question of opening the Israeli-Lebanese border to trade and travel.

The Israelis insisted on opening the border to symbolise a new "normal" relationship with Lebanon but the Beirut government refused.

The issue appears to have been taking second place to the security arrangements in the most recent series of discussions, following a suggestion by the United States that talks on the border should wait until after foreign forces have withdrawn.

## Italy denounces Beirut attacks

ROME (R) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said Wednesday that attacks on the multi-national peace-keeping force in Beirut were aimed at destabilising peace in the Middle East.

"The Italian government judges these episodes as extremely grave symptoms of the progressive deterioration of the general situation in Lebanon," he told parliament.

Mr. Colombo, speaking one day after the death of an Italian soldier wounded last week in Beirut, said Italy's membership of the force "corresponds to vital peace interests which we intend to pursue."

But the government would have to think again if negotiations for a general foreign troop withdrawal from Lebanon broke down.

"If clear signs emerge of a substantial and indefinite deadlock in the negotiations... we would be faced with a radically different situation," he said.

"A joint re-examination of the new situation by the countries contributing to the peace force would become inevitable."

Mr. Colombo was speaking in an emergency debate after nine soldiers were wounded in attacks on Italian troops patrolling Beirut last week.

One officer later had his leg amputated below the knee and Marine Filippo Montesi, 20, died in a Rome hospital Tuesday after surgery to remove grenade and bone fragments from his spine.

## Strauss vows to maintain substantial role in Bonn

BONN (R) — Right-wing Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss, who on Monday turned down a seat in the West German cabinet, said in Munich Wednesday he would continue to play a substantial role in national politics.

In Bonn the general secretaries of the three coalition parties conceded that differences remained over foreign policy issues. Mr. Strauss is trying to force the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl to take a more right-wing approach.

The parties Tuesday concluded seven days of negotiations on the formation of a new government following the conservative victory at the March 6 general election.

In his first public comment since announcing he would not join Chancellor Kohl's cabinet, Mr. Strauss said in his Christian Social Union (CSU) party newspaper Bayernkurier that the importance of his role as Bavarian state premier made him turn down the offer.

Mr. Strauss said even Mr. Kohl's offer to make him vice-chancellor in addition to a cabinet post could not lure him away from Bavaria and cast doubt on "the eastern and rank" of Bavaria's highest political office.

But that does not mean my withdrawal from federal politics," he wrote.



His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday presents Al Kawkab Medal of the First Order to the Spanish joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Avaro de Lacalle, who is on official visit to Jordan (Petra photo)

## King confers high honour on Spanish chief of staff

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Nadva Palace Wednesday a visiting Spanish military delegation led by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Alvaro de Lacalle.

During the audience King Hussein conferred on Gen. De Lacalle the Jordanian Al Kawkab Medal of the First Order.

The audience was attended by the Jordanian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

## Begin to keep coalition set-up

TEL AVIV (R) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin plans to keep his coalition government despite a stinging parliamentary defeat Tuesday when the opposition candidate was elected Israel's president, Mr. Begin's aides said.

Chaim Herzog was elected Israel's sixth president by 61 votes to 57 in a secret ballot, defeating the government's candidate, Supreme Court Justice Menachem Elon. Five coalition members deserted their own nominee while two others abstained.

Prime Minister Begin, who had made it plain to his cabinet colleagues that Mr. Elon was his personal choice for the largely ceremonial post, seemed stunned when the results were announced in the crowded Knesset (parliament) hall.

Ronni Milo, acting chairman of the coalition's parliamentary delegation, immediately announced his resignation.

A number of Knesset members of Mr. Begin's dominant Likud Party demanded the coalition be dissolved, the prime minister's aides told reporters.

But one aide quoted Mr. Begin as saying: "C'est la vie. We must look ahead."

The aide also said Mr. Begin had rejected calls by some colleagues for an early general election.

## Kuwait welcomes EEC stand

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah Wednesday described as positive a statement on the Middle East by West European leaders criticising Israeli settlement policy.

"The statement is a positive position... it is the least the European community can do to help solve the Middle East crisis," he told reporters.

## Cairo, Moscow to restore diplomatic ties in 1983

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Wednesday full diplomatic relations could be restored with the Soviet Union this year.

Mr. Ali, in an interview with the weekly Al Musawwar magazine, said trade with Moscow this year rose \$100 million above last year's \$350 million.

"Other countries from the Eastern bloc have also developed their economic cooperation with Egypt during the past year," the magazine quoted Mr. Ali as saying.

Reports about Egypt in the Soviet news media, critical in the past, "have improved, he said."

Mr. Ali referred to the return of a number of Soviet industrial experts to Egypt at the request of President Hosni Mubarak as another sign of improved relations.

Egypt expelled the Soviet ambassador and most of his staff in September 1981, accusing Moscow of inciting internal unrest in the country. The two nations have maintained only low-level diplomatic relations since then.

## NATO meeting welcomes flexibility in Geneva talks

VILAMOURA, Portugal (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger said Wednesday the NATO allies welcomed President Reagan's indications of flexibility at Geneva arms control talks.

But there was no indication at the end of a NATO defence ministers' meeting here that any offer of a compromise solution to the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons was imminent.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns told a news conference after the two-day meeting of the alliance's Nuclear Planning Group that Washington would have to consult its allies before making a change in its negotiating position away from the proposal to ban all medium-range missiles—the so-called zero option.

The question is not very relevant at this time because in a few days the negotiations will be adjourned at Geneva. Therefore it is obvious the U.S. cannot consult its allies before that date," he said.

Mr. Weinberger told a final press conference: "There was consensus in welcoming President Reagan's indications that there could be more than one way to reach agreement."

## Jordan, Romania sign new cooperation protocol

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Romania Wednesday signed a protocol for cooperation to be implemented during 1983 and covering bilateral cooperation in oil prospecting, electricity, agriculture and the expansion of processing units at the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. Ltd. in Zarqa.

Under the protocol, Romania will also help implement several development projects in Jordan included in the country's current 1981-85 Five Year Development Plan.

The two sides also undertake to cooperate in cultural, and scientific affairs, to increase the volume of trade and set up reciprocal trade centres in both countries.

The protocol was signed at the end of talks held by the Joint Jordanian-Romanian Economic Cooperation Committee which took place in Amman over the past few days. It was signed by National Planning Council President Hanna Odeh and Romanian Minister for Construction Abroad Ion Stanescu.

There has been little reaction by Arab leaders so far to the statement, issued by European Economic Community (EEC) leaders in Brussels Tuesday. The statement said it was time Israel showed it was ready for talks by refraining from creating new settlements in occupied territories.

Mr. Ali, who gave no dates for the resumption of relations, said Egypt would not accept any interference in its domestic affairs.

He also said Egypt's demand for the removal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan remained unchanged.

Mr. Ali said relations with Bulgaria, severed in December 1978, could also be restored.

Cairo broke off ties after it alleged Bulgarian embassy staff had beaten up an Egyptian family living in a flat in the embassy building and used firearms to disperse Egyptians trying to help them.



## HOME NEWS

## Council studies pilgrims' problems

AMMAN (Petra) — The higher Awqaf council will hold a meeting Saturday to discuss complaints raised by Muslim pilgrims after performing the pilgrimage to Mecca last year.

The council is chaired by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif.

## Chinese team to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seven-member parliamentary delegation from the People's Republic of China will arrive here in the coming month for a visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the delegation's members will meet the speakers and members of the Senate and the NCC.

## UNEP team holds more talks on environment

AMMAN (J.T.) — A visiting team from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) held talks here Wednesday with the President of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Anis Muasher.

The team members were briefed on the society's activities and programmes which relate to the preservation of nature and the wild-life reserves of Jordan.

The Nairobi-based UNEP was established in 1972 to provide the machinery for international cooperation in environment related matters.



The Duchess of Kent (head of table) is briefed by Her Highness Princess Basma (fourth from right) on Jordan's facilities for the handicapped (Petra photo)

## Duchess briefed on social works

AMMAN (Petra) — The Duke and Duchess of Kent Wednesday had a meeting with Her Highness Princess Basma, chairman of the board of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF), who briefed them on the fund's activities and achievements in voluntary and social work in Jordan.

The QAJWF operates centres for the rehabilitation of physically handicapped people in Amman and Irbid, a centre for the education of the deaf at Yajouz, another for rehabilitation of the mentally retarded at Karak, and centres for basic social skills development in Madaba, and Ghor Al Mazra'a.

During the meeting the Duchess offered material assistance to one of these centres.

Princess Basma presented her guests with a token gift in the presence of the fund's board members and employees.

Later Princess Basma accompanied the Duchess on a visit to the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped in Amman where the visitor inspected the various services offered to the patients and was briefed on the centre's programmes.

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## HOME NEWS

### EEC chief to arrive Friday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Vice-President of the Commission of the European Economic Community Mr. Lorenzo Natali is expected to arrive in Amman Friday for a three-day visit.

Mr. Natali, who was appointed vice-president in 1977, has several special responsibilities one of which is for policy development in the Mediterranean area.

The main point of his visit is to hold discussions with the Jordanian government on the community's policy in the Mediterranean region and the effects of enlarging the membership of EEC on the Arab countries of the area.

The same topic has been discussed by Mr. Natali with first the Maghreb countries and then the Egyptian government earlier this year.

Mr. Natali, along with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, will inaugurate the European community Spring Festival on March 27.

### Women's book exhibition to open Saturday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma an exhibition of books and paintings will be opened Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Ammon Hotel-hotel training centre.

The three-day exhibition, which is organised by the Arab women graduates, will include books in Arabic and English and paintings by Jordanian women.

### Scholar gives Islam lectures

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Syrian-born American scholar has wound up a week-long programme of lectures which she delivered at a number of Jordanian institutions.

Dr. Yvonne Haddad, who is associate professor of Islamic studies at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, spoke mainly about Islam, Islamic culture, Muslim women in the U.S. and the meaning of Islam in the modern world.

Dr. Haddad, who visited Jordanian universities and educational institutions, was received Wednesday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The scholar, who is currently on a tour of Arab states, met leading journalist and writer Juma'a Hamad, dean of the Shari'a Faculty at the University of Jordan and other leading intellectuals and university professors.

Dr. Haddad is due to leave for Kuwait Friday at the end of her stay in Jordan.

### Islam conference delegates visit the front

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates participating in a seminar on "Islam and the economy" at the University of Jordan Wednesday visited the positions of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division.

The delegates were briefed by army officers on the details of Al Karameh Battle which took place in March 1968. The delegates later toured the Martyrs Monument at the battle's site, the King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan and the Dead Sea.

The delegates were accompanied on their tour by the commander of the division and several senior officers.



Delegates from the seminar examining the relationship between Islam and the economy Wednesday visits the positions of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division (Petra photo)

### CAEU sets date in April for extraordinary session

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) holds its extraordinary ministerial meeting in Amman on April 3rd to discuss Arab economic issues.

Arab ministers of finance, economy and trade, who will attend the meeting, will hear a report presented by the CAEU's secretary-general and will discuss topics relating to production and growth on the national and pan-

Arab levels, as well as the development of the economic infrastructure in the Arab World.

Assistance rendered by the rich Arab countries to their poorer counterparts will also be discussed by the ministers, according to CAEU's spokesman Wednesday. He said that the meeting will be preceded by preparatory talks by ministerial deputies to review the CAEU's activities.

### Maritime potential pointed out by Antwerp group

AMMAN (J.T.) — An audiovisual presentation on the port of Antwerp was held Saturday March 19, at the Amman Marriott Hotel by a visiting Belgian delegation. They arrived in Amman Friday March 18 from Beirut on the last leg of their Middle Eastern tour.

During the presentation, papers were presented by the delegates about the possibilities offered of maritime traffic between Antwerp and Jordan.

The delegation, which was composed of 26 representatives of public authorities and private companies, was led by Mr. Jan

Huyghebaert who is the Aideman of the port of Antwerp and president of the World Trade Centre Association of Belgium.

During the presentation the audience, which consisted of a large number of shipping agents and the press, were briefed by Mr. Huyghebaert on the capabilities and services the port offers maritime traffic. He was followed by the Commercial Manager of the seaport terminals, Mr. Busselen, who explained the productivity rate of the port.

The delegation left Amman for Brussels Sunday March 20.

### Italy to finance graphic art institute in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Italian government has expressed a desire to establish a graphic institute in Amman for the teaching of printing, book binding and graphic arts.

The offer was made by the Italian embassy Counsellor Dr. Luca del Palzo at a meeting with the Ministry of Education's Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabiyat.

Dr. del Palzo said that the Ita-

lian government is ready to finance the building and equipping of the centre as well as supplying an expert in art to supervise the training Jordanian personnel.

Jordan has a uniquely central position in Arab World but sadly

lacks such a centre, thus it is hoped that the projected centre will serve as a regional base for the training of nationals from neighbouring countries, Dr. Del Palzo said.

School students at the preparatory and secondary stage will be offered between two and three-year training courses, he said.

### New bridges opening times announced

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department Wednesday announced the following schedule for the opening and closing of the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad Bridges across the River Jordan:

Monday March 28: The bridges will be open normally but the number of travellers will be limited to that usually allowed Friday with the last bus leaving the Jordanian side at 10 a.m.

Tuesday March 29: Both bridges will be closed.

Sunday April 3: Both bridges will be closed to travellers, but lorries will be allowed to pass until 10:00 a.m.

Monday April 4: Both bridges

will be closed.

Sunday April 17: Both bridges will be closed from 10:00 a.m.

Monday April 18: Both bridges will be closed.

Tuesday May 17: Both bridges will be open until 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 18: Both bridges will be closed.

### Factories to have early fire warning system

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher Public Safety Committee is to build a computer centre to house an early warning system for companies and factories in Jordan.

This decision was made at a committee meeting Tuesday held under the chairmanship of Civil Defence Department Director Khaled Tarawneh, according to Mr. Ali Dajani committee member and director of the Amman Chamber of Industry.

The building and its equipment will be financed by the Jordanian private sector, while specialists from the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) will install

radio telephones to ensure direct contact with various industrial institutions in case of danger or fire, Mr. Dajani said. The computers will be used comprehensively to record all information including the location of the fire accidents and other risks, and the measures required to deal with them, he added.

The committee is made up of representatives from the Amman Chamber of Industry, the General Federation of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, the Industrial Development Bank, the Royal Scientific Society and factory owners.

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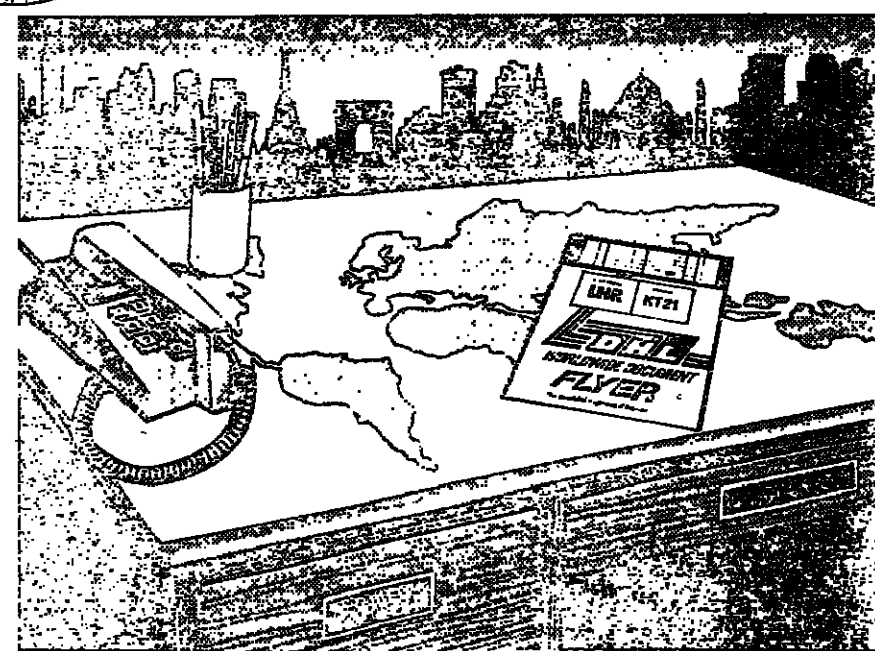
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## Love those Islamic rebels, Ron!

GOOD grief, Ron, will the funnies never end? The funnies we refer to are the events of March 21-22, during which Ronald Reagan, the president of the United States of America, issued a ringing statement commemorating Afghanistan Day, and soon after the administration of the same Ronald "Viability is My Middle Name" Reagan notified Congress that it was planning to sell a new batch of Sidewinder missiles to Israel to replace those it had used up in the invasion and occupation of Lebanon last year. Perhaps Moses can be persuaded to make a return appearance and inscribe on just one more tablet: Thou shalt not make hypocrisy a hallmark of Western Democracies.

Really, this is too much to stomach. Mr. Reagan proclaims that he observes the second annual Afghanistan Day while "the Muslim people of Afghanistan" are attacked and occupied by the Soviet army. He adds: "Yet while we condemn what has happened in Afghanistan, we are not without hope. To watch the courageous Afghan freedom fighters battle modern armaments with simple hand-held weapons is an inspiration to those who love freedom. Their courage teaches us a great lesson — that there are things in this world worth defending."

How touching. How thoroughly and disgustingly hypocritical, as well, for the president of the United States to laud the freedom fighters of Afghanistan whose hand-held weapons face the modern Soviet arsenal, while Mr. Reagan is sending modern American equipment into the Israeli arsenal that will be confronted by Palestinian and Lebanese freedom fighters — Muslim freedom fighters, by golly! — using hand-held weapons of their own.

Yes, there are things in this world worth defending. But the moral laxity of the American leadership is not one of them, to judge by the actions of the past several days. Is it therefore any wonder that there are not many Arab leaders jumping into the arms of Mr. Reagan and his peace proposals for the Middle East?

If the American leadership discovered Islam in Kabul and has become impressed by the daring of the Afghan resistance, one would think the Americans would be equally impressed by the resistance of Palestinian and Lebanese forces in the face of the Israeli-American arsenal — an arsenal, one presumes, that is doubly impressive both because of its technological superiority and because it springs from societies that are touted as bastions of democracy. Mr. Reagan is making a mockery of his office, his people, his nation and his Western ethics. He would do better to conveniently ignore the third Afghanistan Day next year, or celebrate it along with the 36th Palestine Day or the 16th Jerusalem Day. Or hasn't Mr. Reagan had any time off from being viable to be informed that Jerusalem is also an Islamic holy city occupied by the help of American weapons and money and the lassitude of an American passion for freedom that has clearly gone haywire? Happy Afghanistan Day, Ron.

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### Al Rai: EEC statement is positive

A statement issued by the European Economic Community (EEC) Tuesday represents an attempt to build a bridge between President Reagan's proposals and an Arab peace plan on the Middle East. The statement was a constructive one since it supports the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue, denounces Israel's settlement policy, calls for the inclusion of the Palestinians in peace negotiations and recognises their rights to self-determination.

This statement did not mention the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinians as the Arab plan suggested but it did call for the inclusion of the PLO in future peace talks. This is considered an attempt by the EEC to reconcile the two plans but it is also considered as a genuine move to revive the peace process. Furthermore, the statement also represents a development on President Reagan's initiative urging Israel to display a genuine readiness to participate in the peace process and to stop building its settlements on the occupied Arab territory.

However, the statement does not mean that the EEC can become complacent. We would like to see this statement translated into action, and the EEC assuming a practical role in peace efforts.

### Al Dustour: New Arab summit is next step

With the return to Amman Tuesday of His Majesty King Hussein at the end of the Arab League delegation's mission in London, the Arabs have completed their visits to the U.N. Security Council members to explain the peace plan adopted by the Fez summit in September. The next step to be taken, in our view, should be another summit at which the Arab leaders will discuss the outcome of the delegation's contacts with the big powers.

Such a summit has now become necessary due to the continued American impotence toward Israel's arrogance and Washington's inability to exercise any pressure on the Zionist state to stop its settlement policy. It is also advisable to hold such summit following the European Economic Community's statement denouncing the settlement policy and recognising the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination. It is not enough for the Arabs to be content with the EEC's statement nor with the Reagan proposals that have yet to be put into action.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Lebanese questions remain

Despite the optimism in Washington over the outcome of Israeli-Lebanese talks, the recent developments give rise to a number of questions which as yet remain unanswered. So far no one knows the details of the newly proposed American plan for ending the Israeli occupation of Lebanon nor the reason for dispatching U.S. special envoy Philip Habib back to the region. Perhaps the optimism sprang from the fact that Israel has displayed a positive response to the new American proposals but otherwise there is nothing to indicate that an agreement has actually been reached for an early Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

# Palestine-Lebanon -- the same Israeli game

By Tareq Masarwah

An American colleague living in the Middle East believes that the Israeli game in Lebanon is a tactical one, and that it is not as dangerous as some Arabs believe. He argues that the staunch Israeli stand for Lebanon is mainly aimed to avoid international pressure for solving the Palestinian problem by complicating the Lebanese one. According to his dialectics, Israel has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon, moreover, it is too inconveniently positioned militarily. To this he adds that there is a growing feeling among Israeli leaders that their Lebanese allies have been using the Israeli card to serve their own ends, and that these are now taking a completely negative attitude towards the Israeli presence in Lebanon.

We used to tell our American colleague that all Israeli games have invariably taken a limited-scale character. After 1948 Ben Gurion and his flock used to state that the ceasefire lines were of no political significance, and that things would be settled when the Arabs approved of the U.N. Partition resolution and expressed readiness to sit at the negotiations' table. As the Arabs were not ready to negotiate according to Israeli rules, things developed into a convenient status quo for the Israelis until a new Israeli map was introduced after the 1967 June war. Then an argument to the effect that the ceasefire lines had never been recognised as borders, was introduced. Moreover, nothing could make the Jewish state

adhere to them.

A similar argument was pronounced regarding an Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967. The Arabs were "invited" to the negotiating table following a clear rejectionist stand adopted by the Arab states at the Khartoum summit. The trick was obviously to introduce Israel as a moderate victor. The Americans were then making moves similar to the ones they are now making in Lebanon. Scranton, Rogers and Kissinger, not to mention others, walked the Middle East long and wide.

We also used to tell our American colleague: "It is true that the Israelis have no proclaimed territorial ambitions in Lebanon, but the case has systematically worn

the secure borders' garment. Before Begin, Meir, Alon and Eban used to attribute the setting up of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories to the security needs of Israel. Such territories were said to be Israel's security borders, but not the state's ones.

Later on these simply turned into Judea and Samaria, according to biblical orientation, and the Syrian Golan Heights were officially annexed. The settlement drive turned to be a right of the Israelis to build the "land of Israel".

We also mean to tell our colleague that eight months ago official Israeli statements mentioned an Israeli military operation code-named "Galilee security",

and which was presumably to reach 50 miles into Lebanese territory. Within one week, Israeli forces reached Beirut and expanded eastwards to Al Shouf and Alah under a new slogan: Driving the Palestinians out of Beirut. Now they are talking about staying in Lebanon for another two or three years, of normalising relations between the two countries and of maintaining observation posts and early-warning stations.

In 1967, the Americans introduced the following argument: The best way to solve the Middle East conflict is to reestablish the whole situation and have a fresh beginning. It was more than obvious that Washington had given the green signal to the Israeli aggression against the Arabs.

In 1982, the Americans took on the argument that the Palestinian presence in Lebanon impeded a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. It was also more than obvious that Washington had flushed the green light for a new aggression against Lebanon.

Hence, we still find it imperative to wonder what makes our dear colleague think that the Lebanese issue differs from the Palestinian one? What grounds are there for believing that an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon is only a matter of time? What sense is there in assuming that Lebanon time is different from Palestinian time according to the Israeli calendar?

## Madrid moves toward Morocco to show reality of political power

By Brian Mooney  
Reuters

MADRID — Spain's youthful Socialist government is set to embark on a diplomatic offensive in north Africa which may show how the reality of political power has modified radical attitudes adopted by Socialist in opposition. Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra will fly to Morocco and Algeria within a week of each other to explain Spanish intentions following the change of government in Madrid last December. The twin visits, which take place against the backdrop of recent Moroccan-Algerian rapprochement, touch on sensitive aspects of Spain's centuries-old involvement in north Africa — the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla and the former Spanish Western Sahara.

Diplomats said Mr. Gonzalez would be anxious to assure King Hassan of Morocco that he no longer subscribes to a declaration of friendship and support that he signed with the Polisario guerrillas, who are fighting Morocco for control of the Sahara.

Failure to give such an assurance could provoke Rabat into pressing claims on Ceuta and Melilla, which are carved out of present-day Morocco, the diplomats said.

The Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) joint communiqué with the Polisario was signed in Algiers in 1976, one year after Spain relinquished control over its Western Sahara territory. It denounced "the war of conquest, plunder and

extermination" it said was waged against the Saharawi people by Morocco and Mauritania, and expressed admiration for the resistance of the Algerian-backed Polisario front which it said was the sole and legitimate representative of the population.

Many circumstances have altered since then. Mauritania pulled out of the war, Algeria seemingly eased its support for the Polisario guerrillas and began talking to Morocco again following promises of a referendum in the territory, and the Spanish Socialists came to power. Reference to the PSOE-Polisario communiqué in the Spanish press discomfited the government. Official spokesmen made clear that the government did not feel beholden to such party commitments.

The diplomats said the Sahara issue could well be raised during Mr. Guerra's visit to Algiers, which began on March 22, perhaps in the context of a tripartite settlement.

### Polisario dropped

They added that the Socialists in power had been virtually forced to drop the Polisario for the sake of maintaining good relations with Morocco to avoid trouble over Ceuta or Melilla. "Given the danger of provoking instability in their southern neighbour and the threat of Morocco claiming Ceuta and Melilla, it was an uneven choice," one diplomat commented.

"Mr. Gonzalez is going to Morocco because our good relations with that country are paramount," a Spanish spokesman said.

The two-day visit, scheduled for March 28 and 29, follows series of awkward incidents in Spanish-Moroccan relations. The most serious occurred when a meeting of the unofficial Arab Parliamentary Union in Rabat passed a resolution in February demanding the return to Morocco of Ceuta and Melilla.

Ceuta, guarding the straits of Gibraltar, and Melilla to the east have been in Spanish hands since the 15th century and are regarded officially in Madrid as Spanish territory. Madrid rejects all comparison with the Spanish-claimed British colony of Gibraltar to the north of the straits.

Spanish army generals talk in terms of defending the enclaves to the last drop of blood, and in the wake of the Arab Parliamentary Union resolution of Spanish naval force dropped in on Ceuta in a thinly-disguised show of force. The Spanish press printed jingoistic articles and Spain's two leading news magazines both played war games, analysing the relative strengths of the armies, navies and air forces of the two neighbouring states.

Cambio 16 magazine talked of "Moors against Christians" and Tiempo headlined its report: "Moors are re-arming against Spain — we are not prepared for an attack."

Press hysteria was heightened following a meeting last month between the Moroccan and Algerian leaders, with speculation that once the two countries had buried their differences they could concentrate on an Islamic crusade to recover Ceuta and Melilla.

## Washington concerned over SAM-5 missiles in Syria

By Paul Eedle  
Reuters

DAMASCUS — The installation of long-range Soviet anti-aircraft missiles in Syria is a headache for U.S. strategic planners but has not radically altered the balance of forces in the Middle East, according to Western and Third World diplomats. They said the introduction of the SAM-5 missiles in December and January had given Washington several causes for concern.

Their long range of at least 250 kilometres, the fact that their performance is little known because they have never before been deployed outside the Soviet Union, and their likely operation by Soviet servicemen not Syrians all pose potential problems for U.S. military forces operating in and around the eastern Mediterranean, the diplomats said.

But they added that as regards the regional balance of power, the missiles should be seen as only one part of a bigger operation to replace Syria's losses in last year's war against Israel in Lebanon.

The diplomats said that although the Syrian armed forces were now perhaps 10 per cent better equipped overall than they were before the war, the main result of the operation was to rescue Syria from vulnerability rather than to give it any kind of superiority over Israel.

This was particularly the case with air defences. In two days in June, Israeli forces wiped out almost all the anti-aircraft missiles Syria had installed in eastern Lebanon and along its own border. Western military experts in Damascus, who watched part of the operation, said the Israelis had probably used some form of rocket which homed in on the missile

batteries' radar systems. The diplomats said the Soviet Union then faced the problem that Syria was wide open to air attack, but the SAM-2, 3, 6, and 9 rockets it had previously supplied had all proved inadequate.

The Soviet Union decided to install a different type of missile whose secrets were less certainly known to the West and left them in the hands of its own servicemen, they believed. One envoy commented of the Syrians: "They needed something badly because there was really nothing left."

### Big missiles

The missiles are big, 16.5 metres long, and relatively immobile, needing to be fired from pre-built sites. The diplomats said the SAM-5s were stationed at two sites, one near Damascus and the other near the central city of Homs, and that although information was sketchy anything up to 2,000 Soviet servicemen could be involved in operating them.

Previously, the Soviet armed forces personnel in Syria have been simply advisers and Syrians have operated all equipment. The missiles are part of an integrated anti-aircraft defence system, including other rocket batteries and guns to handle planes at close range and low altitude, the diplomats said.

The diplomats concluded that the missiles and other equipment supplied by the Soviet Union had made Syria only slightly stronger than it had been before the war in Lebanon. They said the major new problem for Israel was the long range of the SAM-5s, since any aircraft over the northern half of Israel could now in theory be shot down by Syria.

But the diplomats said it was

hard to imagine circumstances in which the Syrians — and the Russians — thought they would gain by attacking planes that posed no threat to Syria, as this could provoke an overwhelming Israeli response that Syria would be hard put to ward off.

A possible constraint on the Israelis was the certainty that attacking the SAM-5s would mean risking killing Soviet servicemen. Some analysts have argued that this might make the Israelis more reluctant to launch a pre-emptive strike on the new missiles, as they did on the old ones.

But others believe that the presence of the Russians may cut both ways. If the Soviet Union wished to react strongly to an Israeli attack, it would have to explain why large numbers of its citizens were manning major military installations in a foreign country, destroying the low profile which it prefers to keep for its military missions abroad. These calculations may mean Israel has lost the total freedom of the skies which its air force enjoyed from the early days of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon until the arrival of the SAM-5s.

But the diplomats said that Israel's superior F-15 and F-16 planes still gave it the edge in the air. Although the wider implications of the new missiles for the United States could not be brushed aside, Washington appeared to be less concerned now than at first about the SAM-5s, they added.

The diplomats said they understood Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had wanted to discuss the missiles when he visited Washington earlier this month, but the U.S. administration had preferred to concentrate the talks on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

## Too much freedom, democracy top Papua New Guinea's woes

By David Stamp  
Reuters

PORT MORESBY — Papua New Guinea has adopted democracy and freedom more readily than many Third World nations, but prominent leaders here now say the system has gone too far and that the nation has too much of both concepts. Democracy in this South Pacific island group that won its independence from Australia in 1975 is maintained by parliament, with its often fiery debates held in a converted house, and by a vigorous local press.

But some political figures feel the purity of the system may actually hinder the development of Papua New Guinea. "Most of those three million people are still tied to life on the land. I think we are overgoverned and there is too much freedom in this country," Prime Minister Michael Somare told Reuters.

"It's a free country and you can criticise the government. That's a healthy sign but some people are not being constructive in their criticism," he said.

Mr. Somare echoed the views of Britain's representative in this Commonwealth country, Sir Tore Lokoloko, who retired last month as governor-general. "We have too much democracy, too many provincial and community governments, and we have overdone the democratic system," Sir Tore told a local newspaper.

Mr. Somare has had his ups and downs in Papua New Guinea politics. The 47-year-old "chief", as he is known, became prime minister at independence after his Pangu Party won the elections held during the transition from colonial rule. In 1980 he fell from power as former parliamentary allies deserted him in a vote of

confidence, but he managed to bounce back in elections held last August.

"Swapping parties has been a constant feature of politics here," said Peter King, professor of politics at the university of Papua New Guinea. "Independents are particularly agile but there are also fully endorsed party members who suddenly go off with another party, usually to get a ministry."

### Trend for reform

The government changed only once during the first five-year parliament but Mr. Somare wants reforms requiring a by-election when a member of parliament crosses the floor and a nationwide poll if a government falls in a vote of confidence. A commission is currently studying various proposals. "I think the trend is for reform ... but this will all take time. The constitutional process cannot be carried through overnight," Mr. Somare said.

Mr. King saw little chance of the reform being endorsed by parliament. "It's not in the M.P.s' interest to restrict their freedom of movement," he said. The present system has also been blamed for tribal fighting in rugged highland areas, where police have had to crack down on lawlessness. A senior police officer says the highlanders no longer know whether to obey their village leaders or government.

In the 1950s Australian administrators enforced law there, often with an iron hand. But since independence, traditional practices and methods of redress have returned, Mr. King said. He said the violence was probably exacerbated by boundary disputes resulting from pressure of population growth on land.

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## Olympics shooting events likely to be rescheduled for Las Vegas

NEW DELHI (R) — The shooting events at next year's Los Angeles Olympics seemed likely Wednesday to be rescheduled for the Nevada gambling capital of Las Vegas despite the reservations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Two months ago the IOC dismissed the proposals of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOOC) to hold the shooting competitions in Las Vegas after failing to find a suitable venue in the Los Angeles area.

The IOC felt then that Las Vegas was too far from the main area of the games and that it would be unacceptable to have a fourth Olympic village solely for the marksmen.

LAOOC executive vice-president and general manager Harry Usher told Reuters Wednesday that the inclusion of shooting in the games appeared in jeopardy because his committee had inspected 55 sites in California and none had proved suitable.

Asked whether there was a serious risk of shooting being axed from the games unless the IOC dropped its objection to Las Vegas Usher said: "I would hope that a sport that has been in the games since their inception in 1896 would not be dropped, but it's possible. A decision has to be made in the next couple of months."

But IOC director Monique Berlioux later told a news conference that the IOC executive board had ruled in January that there was no question of shooting being withdrawn from the games or staged in another country.

Although she would not be drawn on the possibility of holding the events in Las Vegas, Olympic observers saw this as the only apparent solution.

"We're in good shape in Las Vegas," Usher said. "The infrastructure is available from the Formula One motor racing Grand Prix and equipment is on order."

He said the 55 Californian sites had been ruled out either on the grounds of excessive development costs or because of the objections of ecologists and home owners.

But he was also critical of the role of the U.S. governing body for shooting, the National Rifle Association (NRA), which he said was more interested in political lobbying than in advancing its own sport.

"If the NRA would take one moment to educate the public about the benefits of shooting as a sport, I think the controversies it stirs up would at least become

more palatable when people understand that there is a sporting side to the use of guns."

But Usher was more optimistic about another controversial area of the Los Angeles programme, the board sailing events which are scheduled to be included in the games for the first time.

A legal battle between rival manufacturers was resolved when the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) worked out a compromise which would allow one manufacturer to supply boards for the Olympic events and the second to provide equipment for a special demonstration competition.

The LAOOC had been expected to comply in January with an IOC request to submit a written application for the demonstration event to be held. When this was not done the IYRU expressed concern that the compromise agreement might collapse and that the sport might be dropped from the games.

But Usher said he expected the letter to be delivered to the IOC executive board Thursday, clearing the way for demonstration events to take place.

On another vexed question, the 1984 Olympic soccer finals, Berlioux said the qualifying tournament already under way was being conducted under the rules of the 1980 Moscow finals despite proposals from the International Football Federation (FIFA) that certain professional players should be allowed to compete. She dismissed a suggestion that FIFA was contemplating a boycott of the Olympic tournament.

Turning to other matters, Berlioux said the IOC had selected a Swiss-based company to develop a commercial marketing programme for the five-ring Olympic emblem and she expected a contract to be drawn up later this year.

She also said the IOC had now recognised the new National Olympic Committee of Upper Volta after suspending its predecessor because of alleged government interference.

## Ueberroth too busy to attend session

The President of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOOC), Peter Ueberroth, has advised the International Olympic Committee (IOC) he was too busy to attend the IOC session here this week.

IOC director Monique Berlioux told a news conference Wednesday that IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch had sent a message to Los Angeles about his

absence and Ueberroth had replied saying he was too busy with national and local matters.

Berlioux declined to comment but the IOC is known to be surprised and critical of his decision not to come to New Delhi with a number of matters concerning next year's Los Angeles games still to be settled.

Ueberroth has delegated LAOOC executive vice-president and general manager Harry Usher to lead the LAOOC contingent in New Delhi where it will present a games progress report to the IOC executive board Thursday and the full session on Saturday.

Among the items dealt with when the executive board began its two-day meeting was the final allocation of press accreditations for the Los Angeles games, which has been the subject of hard bargaining between the IOC and the LAOOC in a year-long wrangle.

The central issue was the LAOOC's right, under the terms

of its 1978 agreement with the IOC, to allocate local accreditations to news organisations in the Los Angeles area, with the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) handling accreditations for the rest of the country.

With a USOC quota of 400 accreditations and a further 300 to be distributed locally by the LAOOC, nearly a quarter of the world-wide allocation will be eaten up by the U.S. if the session approves the final figures.

Berlioux said the executive board also discussed the Olympic anthem used at games ceremonies and would recommend to the session that its running time be reduced from two minutes 38 seconds to one and a half minutes.

The IOC was still studying the question of which anthem would be used by Taiwan following the change in its designation to China-Taipei under pressure from Peking. Berlioux said.

## Grand jury refuses to indict Gerulaitis

NEW YORK (R) — A grand jury, citing a lack of evidence, Wednesday refused to indict playboy tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis on charges of taking part in a conspiracy to buy cocaine.

The announcement by federal prosecutor John Martin was greeted by Gerulaitis with expressions of relief and a promise to make 1983 his best year in tennis.

The decision ended months of speculation that one of the game's top players could end up in a court of law rather than on his accustomed tennis court.

Mr. Martin also announced that a justice department probe into

Gerulaitis' off-court activities had been closed.

The 28-year-old Gerulaitis, who is fifth in the world tennis rankings, told reporters by telephone from Milan, where he is currently playing: "I am very, very happy. I am looking forward to a great 1983."

The allegations surfaced last year during the cocaine conspiracy trial of Tony Goble, a friend of Gerulaitis.

In a tape-recording played at the trial, Goble was heard to say in a phone call with an undercover agent "Vitas has \$20,000 cash" to buy cocaine.

## Rush saves Liverpool

LONDON (R) — Ian Rush hit two goals in nine minutes and saved English soccer League leaders Liverpool from embarrassment at Brighton Tuesday night.

Brighton, shock Football Association (F.A.) Cup conquerors of Liverpool last month, looked set for a follow-up first division triumph after Mick Robinson and Gary Howlett struck twice before halftime.

But they reckoned without master marksman Rush who salvaged a 2-2 draw with goals in the 76th and 85th minutes.

The outcome kept Brighton bottom and left Liverpool 13 points clear of second placed Watford who beat struggling Birmingham 2-1.

Luther Blissett scored in the 52nd and 89th minutes while Birmingham's Mick Ferguson equalised in between.

Third placed Manchester United defeated West Ham 2-1 through second half goals by Frank Stapleton and Scott McGarvey.

Alan Devonshire replied for the London side who slumped to their seventh successive away defeat.

## Navratilova seeks to extend her superiority at New York

NEW YORK (R) — Martina Navratilova will attempt to extend her stunning sequence of victories when the \$350,000 New York Women's Tennis Championship starts here Thursday.

Since losing to Chris Evert Lloyd in the final of the Australian Open last December, Navratilova has gone 23 singles matches without defeat—a run which has given the Czechoslovak-born American victories in her last five tournaments.

Czechoslovak Hana Mandlikova, beaten by Lloyd in last year's U.S. open final, will try to halt the run when she faces Navratilova in a first round match on Thursday.

Lloyd, seeded second to Navratilova, goes into action Thursday against fellow American Zina Garrison. West German Sylvia Hanika faces American Kathy Rinaldi whose compatriot Tracy Austin tackles Romanian Virginia Ruzici.

Thursday's other matches involve Australian Wendy Turnbull, who beat Hanika in the final at Boston on Sunday, against American Barbara Potter, Australian Evonne Cawley, making another comeback, playing American Pam Shriver and Billie Jean King against fellow American Andrea Jaeger.

Navratilova, 26, has dominated the women's circuit for the last 15 months. She won 9/10 of her 93 matches last year and a record \$1.5 million in prize money. And in 20 singles matches this year she has not lost a set.

But Navratilova, out to add the \$84,000 first prize to her fortune in Sunday's final, has not fared particularly well in New York. She was beaten there by Hanika last March and by Shriver in the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open, which she has never won.

"I still have a lot of goals," she said, "and winning the U.S. Open is one of them."

## Odds favour Holmes for fight against Rodriguez

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania (Agencies) — All the odds will be stacked against Lucien Rodriguez of France when he challenges America's Larry Holmes for the World Boxing Council heavyweight crown here on Sunday.

The 33-year-old Holmes has set up the fight specifically to please himself and his own supporters.

Scranton is less than 100 km (60 miles) from the champion's hometown of Eaton, where he also fought his first professional bout.

Rodriguez, the European champion, was genuinely qualified for a crack at Holmes' title but it was Holmes who chose him as opponent for his special fight, implying he was fairly sure of beating the Frenchman.

WBC President Jose Suleiman of Mexico had reservations about allowing the match to take place, "because I think Holmes is one of the greatest champions ever seen," he said.

"But I could not prevent a champion from fighting or winning money on the grounds that he was too good," he added.

Holmes, who bypassed his usual

promoter Don King to stage the meeting, said he would go ahead with it even if it television had refused to show it.

Fans have snapped up all the tickets for Sunday's match. The American is so confident of victory he has already fixed up his next title defence, against compatriot Tim Witherspoon in May.

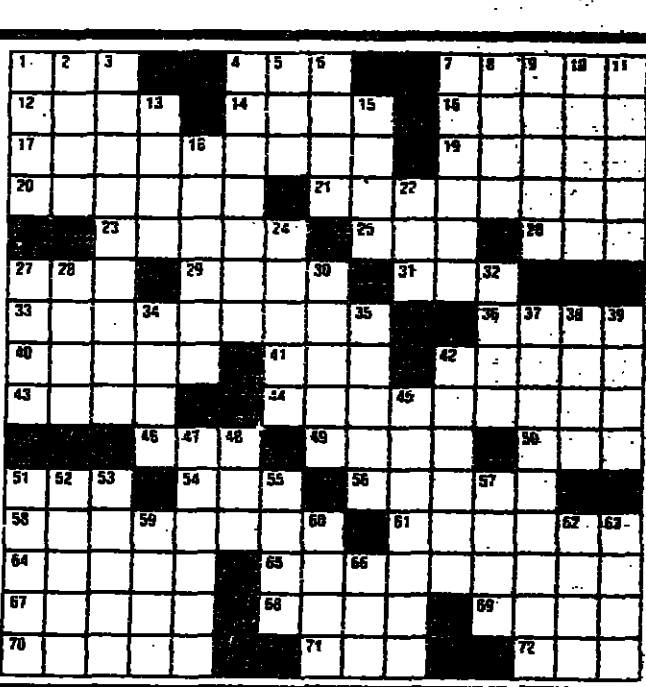
## Moore, Mancini to defend titles

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — World Boxing Association (WBA) light middleweight champion Davey Moore and lightweight titleholder Ray Mancini will defend their crowns on May 28 in Sun City, in the territory of Bophuthatswana near here.

Moore, of the United States, will fight Roberto Duran of Panama while Mancini will take on fellow American Ken Bognor.

## THE Daily Crossword by A.J. Sanders

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## WORLD

## Nicaragua alleges border post attack by Honduras

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua said Wednesday Honduran troops had attacked a Nicaraguan border post under a U.S. plan to provoke all-out war between the two countries.

The accusation came two days after Nicaragua's left-wing government said its army was battling a force of 1,400 guerrillas from Honduras which had penetrated deep into the country.

Diplomats said the latest fighting, the most serious since the end of the Nicaraguan Civil War in 1979, could threaten the fragile status quo in volatile Central America.

The Nicaraguan charge was made in a formal note of protest to Honduran Foreign Minister Eduardo Paz Barrios signed by Deputy Foreign Minister Nora Astorga.

It said Honduran troops using heavy machine guns, 81 mm mortars and assault rifles twice attacked the northwestern border

post of Vado Ancho last Sunday. Honduran troops massed at a nearby border section on Monday, it said.

The note, sent to Honduras Tuesday night and published in Managua Wednesday, made no mention of casualties in the reported attack but it said Nicaraguan troops did not return the fire.

Nicaraguan Defence Minister Humberto Ortega accused Washington on Monday of massing troops on the rightist push into Nicaragua with the help of Honduras, a close ally of the United States.

The protest note contained the first mention of alleged direct military action by Honduran troops since news of the right-wing guerrilla operation leaked out earlier this month.

The operation was mounted by the Democratic Nicaraguan Front (FDN), an exile group pledged to overthrow the Sandinista National Liberation Front which has ruled

Nicaragua since it ousted right-wing dictator Anastasio Somoza in July, 1979.

## Aid to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (R) — A Senate subcommittee was near agreement Wednesday on approving in full President Reagan's request for \$60 million in emergency military aid to El Salvador, members of the committee said.

But they said it was still trying to decide the wording of language calling for a limit of 55 U.S. military trainers in El Salvador, peace negotiations between the government and insurgents and the prosecution of National Guard members accused of murdering four American churchwomen in 1980.

The Senate and House Appropriations Committees have until midnight Thursday to decide whether to veto the president's plan to shift the \$60 million to El Salvador from other aid programmes.

## Athens police force on alert for funeral

ATHENS (R) — The entire Athens police force was on alert Wednesday as thousands of people gathered outside Athens cathedral for the funeral of a right-wing newspaper owner murdered in his office on Saturday.

George Athanassiades, 71, owner and publisher of the evening newspaper Vradini and the daily financial tabloid Nafteoriki, was killed in his office by an attacker who escaped.

The attacker also injured a businessman friend of the publisher who was in the office at the time of the shooting and who tried to arrest him.

A clandestine group which said it was made up of dissatisfied Greek soldiers claimed responsibility for the murder as a protest against conditions in the army.

A political row between the opposition and the government over the significance of the killing continued Wednesday after Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou appealed for people to act calmly and safeguard democracy.

## Report details Israeli human rights practices

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The Washington-based American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Research Institute has announced the release of a documented report describing Israeli human rights practices in the occupied West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon during the year 1982.

The 200-page report, currently available from the ADC national office, details every human rights violation in these territories that appeared in both the Israeli press as well as the Arab press in occupied East Jerusalem during the year. These sources include the Palestinian daily Al-Fajr and the Israeli dailies Ha'aretz, Ma'ariv and Davar.

More than half of the book consists of appendices that include affidavits from lawyers involved in the cases and reports from groups such as the Israeli League for Civil and Human Rights.

"This book is designed not to be

dramatic," explain Dr. Eric Hoggland, head of the ADC Research Institute. "We are, however, documenting precisely what Israeli practices are in the area of human rights. The U.S. State Department's office for human rights, which now has an undersecretary of state, is specifically charged with both monitoring human rights practices in countries receiving U.S. aid and then reporting on this to Congress.

"There was much discussion, especially in the 1970's, that many countries were taking U.S. aid to violate human rights," he continued. "ADC's concern is that the State Department, in its reports on Israel, has literally whitewashed what is going on there, both by not reporting many Israeli human rights practices and by minimizing others. The situation in the occupied territories, especially in the last 18 months, has become very desperate for the people there."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Montreal drug squad chief arrested

MONTREAL (R) — The head of Montreal's police drug squad pleaded not guilty in court Tuesday to charges of drug trafficking. Henri Marchessault, 44, was remanded in custody for 24 hours pending a bail hearing. The 20 charges against him included trafficking, possessing and conspiring to peddle drugs and theft and possession of stolen goods. Mr. Marchessault, a member of the city's police force for 25 years, became head of the drug squad in 1979.

## Dead man turns out to be alive

INVERNESS, Scotland (R) — A Scottish couple were mourning the death of their only son when he walked through their front door alive and well. Only hours earlier Angus and Ethel Chinn, both trained nurses, had identified the body of a young man as Inverness mortuary as that of their 24-year-old son Stephen. "It was like seeing a ghost," Mr. Chinn told reporters. The young man in the mortuary, who still has to be identified, died of natural causes in a remote part of the Scottish highlands on Saturday.

## Police dropouts afraid of the dark

LONDON (R) — Young recruits are quitting the police because they are afraid to go out at night. Cliff Halsall, assistant chief constable of Cheshire, northwest England, said: "Incredibly a number resigned because they were afraid of the dark."

## Artificial heart recipient in trouble

SALT LAKE CITY (R) — Artificial heart patient Dr. Barney Clark, who has a fever and kidney problems, has shown no improvement during the past 24 hours and may soon be moved into an intensive care unit, hospital officials here said. Dr. Clark, a 62-year-old retired dentist from Seattle, Washington, has had his polyurethane and aluminium heart for 111 days. He is currently listed in fair condition and is in a nursing ward at the University of Utah Medical Centre. "Doctors suspect he has an infection, but all laboratory tests have proved sterile and doctors are considering other possible reasons for his condition," a hospital spokeswoman said Tuesday night. "In the meantime, any speculation concerning his future prospects are premature."

## Swiss refuse to extradite Turk

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — The Swiss supreme court Tuesday rejected a Turkish request to extradite a Turk linked with the gunman convicted for trying to kill Pope John Paul II. The Turk, Mehmet Sinar, is sought by Turkish authorities to face a charge of inciting his companion Mehmet Ali Agca to murder the editor of an Istanbul newspaper in 1979. The court rejected the extradition bid on the grounds that Sinar, who is alleged to have procured the weapon for the Istanbul murder, is a politically-active Kurd and could thus suffer discrimination.

## FBI allegedly tracked John Lennon for months

LOS ANGELES (R) — A history professor who says government documents show FBI agents followed John Lennon for months, hoping to arrest him, has asked a court to order the release of more official files on the ex-Beatle.

A lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, a non-profit organisation, filed a suit Tuesday in the federal court in Los Angeles seeking the documents under the freedom of information act.

The suit was entered on behalf of Prof. Jonathan Wiener, of the University of California in Irvine, who is writing a book on Lennon and the U.S. politics of the 1960s. Lennon was shot dead in New York on Dec. 8, 1980.

Prof. Wiener said files already released to him under the freedom of information act re-

vealed that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation believed Lennon was about to lead a demonstration against President Nixon and followed him for months before the 1972 Republican presidential convention.

The files showed that the agents hoped to arrest Lennon on drug charges or "neutralise" him in some other way so that he could be deported, Prof. Wiener said.

Prof. Wiener said he received 12 kilograms of immigration files giving details of Lennon's successful three-year fight to stay in the United States despite a marijuana arrest in England.

Lennon never even went to Miami, where the Republican convention was held, the professor added.

## Fugitive finds sanctuary among Iroquois Indians

NEDROW, New York (R) — Iroquois Indian chiefs have given permanent sanctuary to a fugitive Indian leader on the run from the American government.

Dennis Banks and his family now sit under the long leaves of the great tree of peace planted at Onondaga by the peacemaker long before your people came to our shores and our lands," the chiefs of the Onondagas, one of the six Iroquois nations, said in a statement Tuesday.

Banks, 52, a leader of the militant American Indian Movement (AIM) which directed the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee to dramatise Indian demands for treaty rights, is wanted for jumping bail after being convicted in the same year of riot and assault charges in Custer, South Dakota.

But New York Governor Mario Cuomo has refused to send police into the Onondagas' reservation near Syracuse to bring Banks out and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has said it will not enter the Indians' territory because it wants to avoid "unfortunate incidents."

Banks has been living on the Onondaga reservation since January, but the grand council of chiefs decided to give him permanent shelter only at a meeting in their longhouse earlier this month.

The fugitive, who was joined by his wife and three young daughters in February, faces up to 15 years in prison in South Dakota. He says his life would be in danger if he goes to jail.

## Mrs. Thatcher reveals how she got into the job

LONDON (R) — Margaret Thatcher, Britain's first woman prime minister, conducts her guest on a tour of the elegant rooms at her 10 Downing Street residence and says: "I really could never leave politics alone."

"It had always, from my early days, this total fascination. It wasn't that I went into it, it was that I somehow couldn't keep out of it."

Mrs. Thatcher's reminiscences of her early political life are revealed in a conversation with an old friend, the author and explorer Sir Laurens van der Post, to be broadcast on British television next Tuesday.

The hour-long programme, called "The Woman at Number 10" recollects her days at Oxford University, her marriage, the birth of her two children, Carol and Mark, and her challenge to former

Prime Minister Edward Heath for the Conservative Party leadership.

The 57-year-old premier, Britain's "Iron Lady", says the politician who wants to get things done needs a "touch of steel... otherwise you'd be just like an India rubber."

She says that her challenge to Mr. Heath in 1974, after his four-year-old administration was rejected by voters at a general election, was instinctive.

Describing the events publicly for the first time, she says she thought someone ought to oppose Mr. Heath, whom she had served as education secretary.

"I was beginning to have some different views of a different emphasis," Mrs. Thatcher says.

"The party was insisting that Ted (Heath) should put up as leader again. If they insisted, it seemed to me that someone had to put up against him."

Mrs. Thatcher believed that Sir Keith Joseph, then in charge of the Conservative Party's policy and research department and now education secretary in her own cabinet, would do it.

"But he just came along to me and said, 'look, I want you to know that I am not going to stand.' "Quite instinctively, I said, 'I am sorry.' Then I said straight away, 'well, if you are not, I am going to.'"

Mrs. Thatcher says she was surprised at winning. "I couldn't believe it," she recalls. "I had never expected the leadership, let alone it happening that way."

Relations between Mr. Heath and Mrs. Thatcher have been frosty ever since and she did not offer him a place in her administration when she was elected prime minister.

Under Mrs. Thatcher, Italian masterpieces have been replaced with paintings by such British artists as Turner, Romney and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Mrs. Thatcher also speaks of her family. "I was just very lucky with Denis (her husband)," she says. "We have a marvellous family. Everything just came right."

They met after a local party meeting when he offered her a lift in his car and she says that she was fascinated by his knowledge of economics. "He didn't half ask me some tough questions," she says.

In between talking about politics and her family, the prime minister shows off the fine works of art, furniture and furnishings at 10 Downing Street, and reveals that her strong sense of patriotism extends to the decoration of the residence.

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## N. Orleans police officers deny beating up blacks

DALLAS (R) — Three New Orleans detectives Tuesday denied in court that they had beaten up blacks during the hunt for the killer of a white policeman.

One of the detectives, Dale Bonura, said it made no sense to beat up potential witnesses — "you want a witness to be on your side. You will expect him to testify for your side in court."

Mr. Bonura and six other policemen are charged with civil rights violations by using brutal methods to get information during a hunt for the murderer of Patrolman Gregory Neupert in New Orleans in November 1980.

During the manhunt four blacks were shot dead by police, who said they had to open fire in self-defence.

## Bulgarian defector confirms Italian suspicions of plot

NEW YORK (R) — A Bulgarian diplomat who defected to the West has told French intelligence agents that the Soviet KGB and the Bulgarian secret service masterminded the attempt to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981, the New York Times reported Wednesday.

The same accusations have been made by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who tried to kill the Pope and is now serving a life sentence.

The Times said it learned after a two-month investigation in seven countries that the Bulgarian official, Jordan Mantarov, told the French internal counter-espionage service of the alleged plot.

Mr. Mantarov, 48, was deputy commercial attaché at the Bulgarian embassy in Paris until he defected in July 1981 — two months after the assassination attempt.

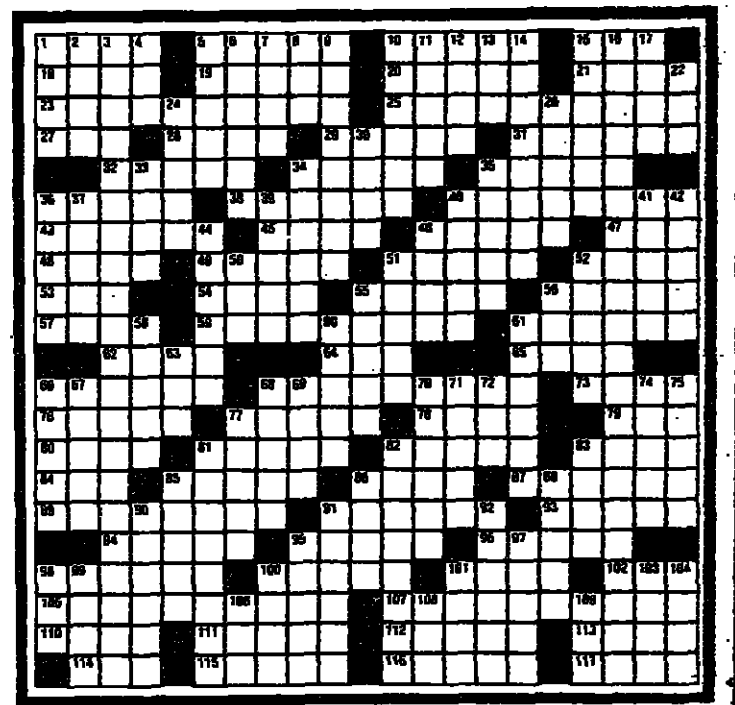
The newspaper quoted French intelligence sources as saying Mr. Mantarov told them his information came from a high-ranking official in the counter-intelligence division of the Bulgarian state security agency, the Durzhina Sigurnost.

He said the official told him that in 1979 the KGB — the Soviet security and intelligence organisation — decided that the election of the Polish Pope had been engineered by President Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was born in Poland.

The Times said Mr. Mantarov told the French that a plan to kill the Pope was drawn up because the KGB believed he was a key element in a U.S. effort to move Poland away from the Communist bloc.

## THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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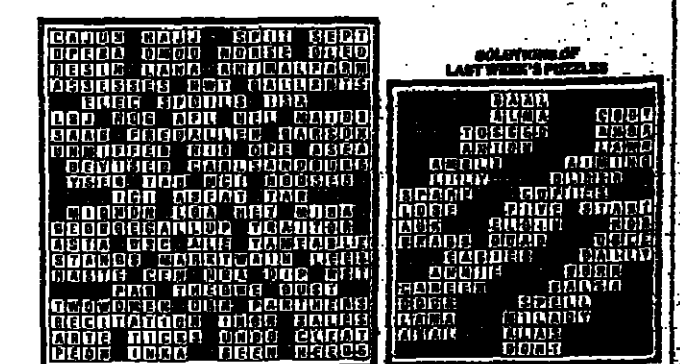


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Shrew-eyed hero, fearful of dogs, put up "No barking" sign in the park.
2. Wary urban cowboy gaily lauded one scared burglar.
3. Big politician caught up great act to best in to his best speeches.
4. New waitress waited as odd customer at most counter.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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## GOREN BRIDGE

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**NORTH**  
♠ K 8  
♥ A K 3 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 6 4  
♣ A 10 9 4  
♠ K 8 7 6 5 2  
♥ A 10 2  
♦ Q 9 8  
♣ J 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ J  
♥ Q J 7 6 5 4 3  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ A 10

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 4 ♠  
Pass Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠.

Dear Charlie:  
Here's a hand with a most unusual position. It cropped up in the Trials to select the Italian women's representatives for the current Venice Trophy Competition, being held in Biarritz, France.

I like West's jump to four spades, because it put a lot of pressure on the opponents. South wisely decided that she did not know whose hand

it was, so she bid one more. In fact, four spades would have almost surely made — once South shows up with the ace of clubs, North must have both high diamonds for her opening bid.

West led the ace of spades, and it is up to East to direct the defense. Even looking at all four hands, it is not easy to spot how the defenders can come to three tricks. Ask our readers how they would continue.

East played the two of spades, a suit preference signal for clubs. (With a singleton in dummy, you can show suit preference in your long suit: a low card asks for a shift to the lower side suit; a high card asks for the higher side suit; and an intermediate card asks for continuation.) West dutifully shifted to a club, and declarer captured East's king with the ace.

A trump to the king was ducked, and East won the trump continuation. Now she exited with a diamond, and declarer was locked in dummy. She either had to concede a diamond trick, or else allow East to score her trump when she tried to get to her hand with a club. Rather pretty defense, West says?